

Appln No. 10/692,705

Amdt date July 13, 2005

Reply to Office action of June 23, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the above-reference application.

Claims 7-30 have been amended to merely sequentially and correctly renumber the claims. Claims 27-29 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 18, 24, 25, and 30 have been amended to further define Applicant's invention.

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005 wherein the claims are objected to as claim 7 is missing, the status identifier of the "withdrawn" claims are missing, and "Page 4 of the amendment repeats claims numbers 4-9."

Initially, Applicant wishes to clarify the record in view of the claim renumbering. In Applicant's April 13, 2005 Response to Restriction Requirement, the **Group 4 Species** was elected. In view of the claim renumbering, claims directed to Species 4 include claims 1-26, 29, and 30. Thus, claims **1-26, 29, and 30** are elected to prosecute on the merit while claims 27-29 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner states that "Page 4 of the amendment repeats claims numbers 4-9". However, page 4 (of the April 13, 2005 Response) recites renumbered claims 13-19, which depend from renumbered independent claim 10. In contrast claims 4-9 depend from independent claim 1. Thus, the claims cannot repeat as alleged as they depend from different base claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner finds it necessary to speak with Applicant, she is invited to speak with the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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